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ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES MISSILE REPLACEMENTS

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(Excerpts) At its meeting last night, the National Assembly discussed the budget for the Foreign Ministry. The first speaker was Istanbul Deputy Zekai Dorman, the spokesman of the Nation Party, who pointed out that despite all efforts to establish world peace and security, work on atomic bombs and missiles has continued. He expressed the hope that the Iraqi revolution would produce an auspicious result. After stating that it had become clear that Jupiter missiles in Turkey no longer met present needs, the deputy said: "The dismantling of missile pads from our country might, in the event of a war, free us from becoming the first target of sudden missile and air attacks. Within the NATO concept, which is solely defensive, this can provide a fresh opportunity for Turkey to show its goodwill."

Rize Deputy Izzet Akcal, Justice Party spokesman, said that on foreign policy there were no differences of view between the government and the opposition. He said: "Nevertheless, this statement should not be taken to mean that we approve of the government's generally weak and occasionally erroneous attitude on foreign policy." The deputy said that he considered that the removal of Jupiter missiles from Turkey was the result of technical developments. He said it had been announced that Polaris missiles would be supplied to replace Jupiters but that this announcement required clarification. He said that the Justice Party hoped that relations with the new Iraqi Government would be so sincere as to make it possible to forget the events of the past.

Referring to the Cyprus question, Deputy Akcal said that Makarios had acted with the aim of insuring the acceptance of the idea by the United Nations that the London and Zurich agreements were unworkable and that he was already trying to obtain the support of communist states. He said that the government's efforts concerning the Common Market had not been successful and that the government had failed to obtain adequate aid from the consortium. "For all this, the government must be blamed," he said.

Sivas Deputy Cevat Odyakmaz, the Republican Peasant Nation Party spokesman, said that his party approved the extension of Turkey's territorial waters to six miles and added that the negative propaganda conducted on this issue by Greece should be counteracted. He called on the government to watch the development of the Iraqi revolution closely and asked the government to confirm that the life, property, and the rights of the Turks in Iraq have been guaranteed.